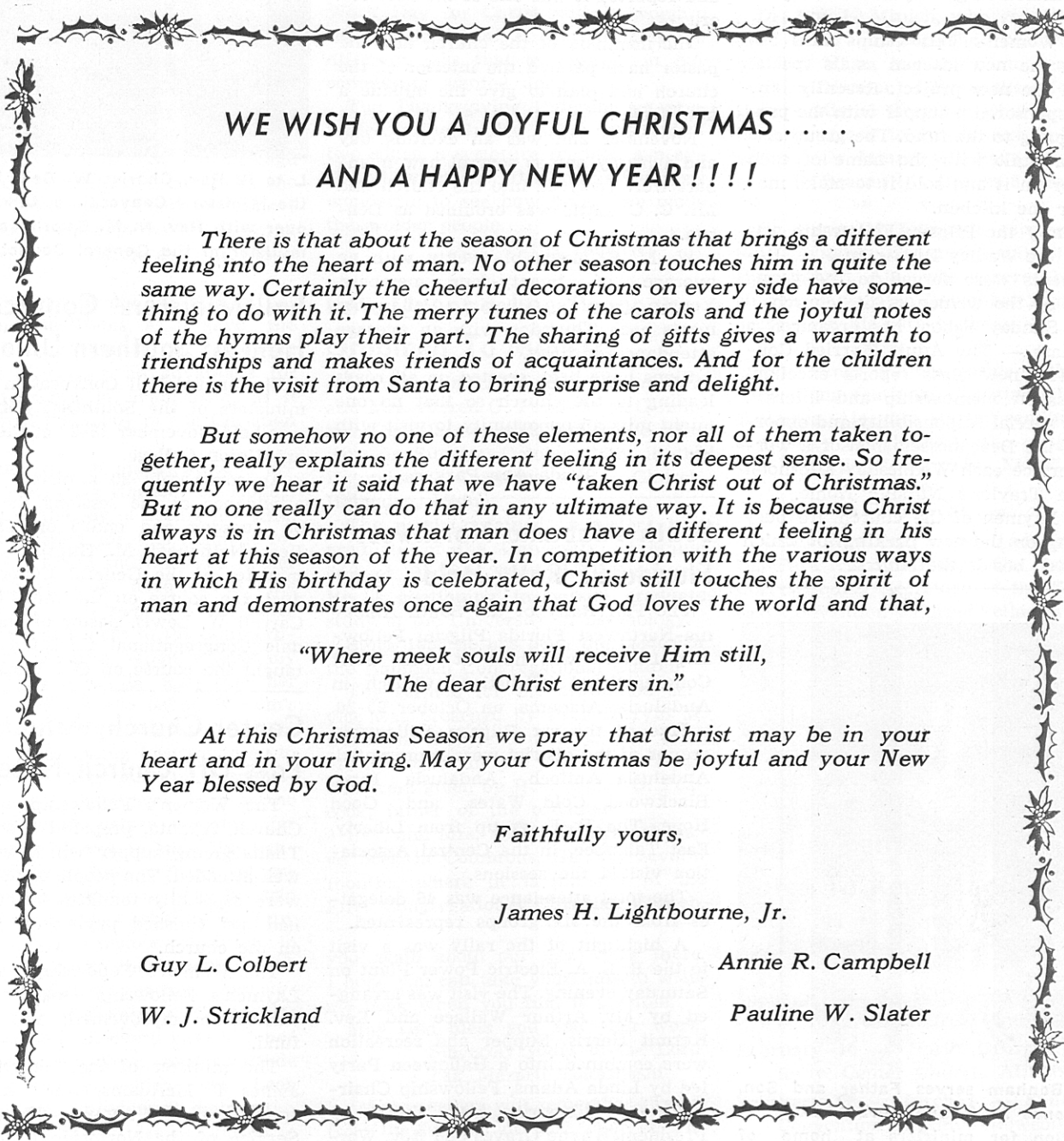


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WE WISH YOU A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR ! ! ! !

There is that about the season of Christmas that brings a different feeling into the heart of man. No other season touches him in quite the same way. Certainly the cheerful decorations on every side have something to do with it. The merry tunes of the carols and the joyful notes of the hymns play their part. The sharing of gifts gives a warmth to friendships and makes friends of acquaintances. And for the children there is the visit from Santa to bring surprise and delight.

But somehow no one of these elements, nor all of them taken together, really explains the different feeling in its deepest sense. So frequently we hear it said that we have "taken Christ out of Christmas." But no one really can do that in any ultimate way. It is because Christ always is in Christmas that man does have a different feeling in his heart at this season of the year. In competition with the various ways in which His birthday is celebrated, Christ still touches the spirit of man and demonstrates once again that God loves the world and that,

*"Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in."*

At this Christmas Season we pray that Christ may be in your heart and in your living. May your Christmas be joyful and your New Year blessed by God.

Faithfully yours,

James H. Lightbourne, Jr.

Guy L. Colbert

Annie R. Campbell

W. J. Strickland

Pauline W. Slater

People . . . Churches . . . Events . . .

Lowell Congregational Christian Church Reports Many Activities

The members of the Lowell Church, Roanoke, Alabama, have taken as a special project this year the remodeling of the church basement.

The number of "tithers" in the church has increased greatly in the last year or two.

The Women's Fellowship plans to furnish the new kitchen as its special part in the new project. Recently the group sponsored a supper with the proceeds going to the fund. The group also made a quilt with the name of each member on it and sold it to make money for the kitchen.

Recently the Pilgrim Fellowship was host to the Wadley District of P. F. Refreshments were served to the young people by the women of the church.

The Sunday School has organized a new class — The Adult Married Couples. The new class reports excellent progress in membership and interest.

As a special responsibility and opportunity, the Deaconesses sponsor a worship service each Wednesday afternoon at The Traylor's Nursing Home.

The Laymen of the church are busy working on the new parking lot which is located beside the church.



Mrs. Bonham serves Father and Son, Reverends N. A. and Herbert Long, at reception for ministers at home of President and Mrs. Graham.

Enigma Church Has Full And Busy Program

Many new and exciting things have happened at Enigma Congregational Christian Church in the past month. The church called Rev. Otto Culpepper as pastor for the church for the third year. Three delegates attended the Georgia-South Carolina Conference and reported it was one of the best ever.

The members of the church and the pastor have painted the interior of the church and plan to give the outside a new look.

November 2nd was an exciting day and a happy one as several new members were received into the church and Mr. C. C. Little was ordained as Deacon.

W. M. S. meets bi-weekly with an average of twenty-four members. Young people's Pilgrim Fellowship meets each Thursday with an average attendance of forty.

Signs have been erected on all roads leading to the church so that no one might miss an opportunity to visit with us.

Reida Ann Parker

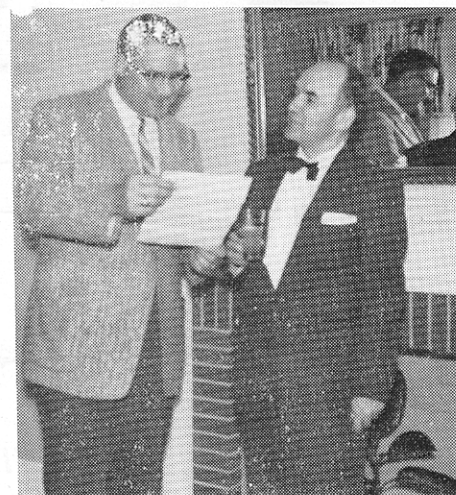
South Alabama-Northwest Florida PF Rally Held

The Fall Rally of the South Alabama-Northwest Florida Pilgrim Fellowship District was held at the First Congregational Christian Church in Andalusia, Alabama, on October 25-26.

Five of the six Pilgrim Fellowship groups of the district were represented: Andalusia Antioch, Andalusia First, Blackwood, Cold Water, and Good Hope. The P. F. group from Liberty, East Tallassee, in the Central Association visited the sessions.

The total attendance was 46 delegates from the six groups represented.

A highlight of the rally was a visit to the R. E. A. Electric Power Plant on Saturday evening. The visit was arranged by Mr. Arthur Wallace and Rev. Kermit Harris. Supper and recreation were combined into a Halloween Party led by Linda Adams, Fellowship Chairman. Two filmstrips were shown by President Wayne Graves and Rev. Warren Blankenhorn after the supper.



L to R: Rev. Charles W. Bell, Dean of the Minister's Convocation, talks things over with Rev. N. M. Guptill, associate minister of the General Council.

Fall Ministers' Convocation Held At Southern Union

The annual Fall Convocation for the ministers of the Southeast Convention was held November 18-20 at the Southern Union College.

Approximately 30 ministers were in attendance at the sessions that began on Tuesday and ended on Thursday. Rev. Nathaneal M. Guptill, associate minister of the General Council, conducted a course on the ministry. Rev. Carroll W. Lewis, pastor of the Langdale Congregational Christian Church, taught the course on Old Testament.

Center Church, Atlanta, Pays Off Church Note

The Women's Fellowship of Center Church, Atlanta, prepared a wonderful Thanksgiving supper which was very well attended. The people of the church were especially thankful because they had just finished paying off the note on the church.

The Women's Fellowship and the Laymen's Fellowship, together, have started an improvement and building fund.

The minister of the church, Rev. James T. McAdams, was the guest speaker at the annual Thanksgiving Service of the Northside Churches in Atlanta.

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A Letter From A Friend

Karuizawa, Naganoken, Japan
September 25, 1958

Dear Friends:

It has passed so long time since we have met in the United States. The experiences and the studies which I could have in the States were wonderful for me as they were precious for a country pastor in Japan, especially it was nice and fine memory for me that you have shown me personal friendship.

After one year study at Andover Newton Theological School I went to the Summer Camps which were under the auspice of the Congregational churches (American Board), where I found a great many friendly people. Then, last year I stayed in Chicago where I could attend the classes in the Chicago Theological Seminary while I was taking a responsibility in the Christ Congregational Church as the Issei Minister.

I cannot describe my appreciation for staying in the States, as it gave the wonderful opportunities of knowing you and of getting an advantage for my future work in evangelism, as it was the real testimony of the Christian love.

Thanking you in many ways, I arrived at Yokohama Harbour on August 15, '58, with the joy of seeing my wife, who was waiting for this moment for two years. I found she was well in her health and spiritual devotion to the work for the next steps for our Lord.

My wife and I went to the Southernmost island, Kyushu, Japan, to visit my parents, after my wife completed her summer courses in the Nihon Women's College at the end of August.

Now we are looking forward to go to Karuizawa to take our full responsibility of the ministry over there as the pastor. However, before we start for Karuizawa we have to take the temporal ministerial duty for my father-in-law, as he is going to have his trip to Kyushu too. I was asked to give my talk about the religious condition in your country many times, such as for the Sunday School Teachers Association and for the Pastors' Conference of Gumma-ken. In every chance I never forget to tell them your gratitude and Christian love which has been shared in your missionary devotion.

We shall be in Karuizawa Church at the middle of October and I shall write

Blackwood PF Engages

In Interesting Events

November was a busy month for the members of the Blackwood Pilgrim Fellowship group. We not only had Work Day for Christ, but we also entertained the Golden Agers with a Thanksgiving Program.

We were a little late with our Work Day for Christ for various reasons. It was held on Saturday, November 8.

We met at our church and began our Work Day for Christ with a worship service. After that we started doing the different jobs that the people in our community wanted done.

The Thanksgiving Program we presented to the Golden Agers consisted of two songs, a scripture reading, a prayer and two poems. It made us feel very wonderful to see how happy we made these older people.

Betty Pettis, Reporter

Rev. Quentin Lee Peacock

Ordained To Ministry

Mr. Quentin L. Peacock, son of Rev. and Mrs. Alfred G. Peacock, of Columbus, Georgia, was ordained to the ministry on Sunday, October 26th, in the Hampden Congregational Church, Hampden, Maine.

The newly ordained minister is a graduate of the University of Maine and of Bangor Theological Seminary. He is continuing to pursue graduate study at the University in psychology.

Since 1955 he has been the pastor of the Hampden Congregational Church.

The sermon for the ordination service was preached by Prof. Mervin M. Deems of Bangor Seminary. The vows of ordination and the prayer of ordination were given by Rev. Alfred G. Peacock, father of the ordained.

Rev. and Mrs. Alfred G. Peacock have been in Columbus, Ga., for several months, where he is minister of the First Congregational Christian Church.

you again about our new work there. I hope you can take your time to write me back when you find it possible.

May God bless you and your work.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,
Tak Mazaru Takashashi

(Many readers will remember "Tack" from the summer of 1957 when he was in the Southeast Convention.)

HERE AND THERE . . .

The Wadley District PF Rally was held at Lowell Church, Roanoke, Ala. The following officers were elected: President: Jean Kirby, Rock Stand; Vice-President: Rodney Harmon, Pleasant Grove; Secretary and Treasurer: Mary Sue Johnson, Lowell Church; Action Commission: Joe Bell, Lowell Church; Faith Commission: Linda Waters, Pleasant Grove; Fellowship Commission: Linda Chase, Lowell Church.

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Dr. Roy L. Minich, who recently retired from a distinguished pastorate at Malden, Mass., has agreed to serve as Interim Director of Evangelism for the Congregational Christian Churches until a successor to Dr. Robert Spike is secured. Dr. Minich will have his offices at 14 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass.

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Dr. Henry M. Edmonds, former pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham, Ala., was honored by the church by a tea on November 23 on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

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Rev. James Walters, pastor of the Mt. Olive Congregational Christian Church, Tallassee, Ala., has started sending out a monthly newsletter to the congregation entitled "Mount Olive News".

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Attention PF'ers

Nancy Newberry's new address is 705 Park Ave., LaGrange, Ga. Nancy is Corresponding Secretary of the Southeast Convention Pilgrim Fellowship.

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NOTICE

The Southeast Regional Meeting will be held February 24-26 at Franklinton Center, Bricks, N. C. Persons interested in attending should contact the convention office.

Pilgrim Fellowship

Dates To Remember

January 11 — Central Georgia P. F. Rally, Fredonia Church, Barnesville

January 18 — South Georgia P. F. Rally, Ambrose Church, Ambrose, Ga.

February 14 — North Georgia P. F. Rally, Center Church, Atlanta, Ga.

February 28 - March 1 — Southeast Convention Pilgrim Fellowship, Lannett, Ala.

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Superintendent's Corner

Many of our churches already have made plans to receive a special offering for "The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross" sometime during the month of December.

I hope that the churches that have not made such plans will give the matter serious consideration. The "Christmas Fund" has meant much to many of the retired ministers of the Southeast Convention and their widows.

At Christmas time checks go to all of the regular pensioners on the roll of the Ministerial Relief Division and also to a select list of Congregational Christian ministers or widows not on the roll but needing temporary help for some special reason.

Of particular interest is the fact that the money left after the Christmas checks are sent becomes the Emergency Fund. This important fund is used throughout the year to assist ministers' families when crises arise. It has been of great help to ministerial families in the Southeast Convention.

Let us remember the "Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross" in our churches.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE

January 4 — Enigma, Georgia (Ordination of Rev. Otto Culpepper)

January 13 - 14 — Annual Board Meeting, Franklinton Center, Bricks, N. C.

January 20 — Southeast Convention Board Meeting

January 30 - February 7 — Mid-Winter Meetings, Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

Christian World Mission Church Pledges Received

(As of December 8, 1958)

Central Alabama Association	
Seman, Community	\$ 26
Tallassee, Mt. Olive	50
East Alabama Association	
Alexander City, Antioch	20
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove	120
Lanett	1500
Langdale	1500
Lineville, New Harmony	25
Phenix City, Russell Woods	104
Roanoke First	360
Roanoke, Forest Home	80
Roanoke, Lowell	206
Roanoke, Rock Stand	150
Wadley	480
Wedowee, Caver's Grove	24
Wedowee, Noon Day	78

North Alabama Association	
Arley, Robertson's Chapel	30
Birmingham, Pilgrim	780
Garden City	200
Hackleburg, Fairview	78
Houston, Liberty Hill	20
Steppville, Mt. Grove	156
Trinity, Caddo Friendship	78

South Alabama-Northwest Florida	
Andalusia, First	158
Headland, Blackwood	368
Bonifay, New Effort	240

Georgia - South Carolina Conference	
Baxley, Friendship	120
Columbus, First	345
Demorest, Federated	400
Gaillard, Pleasant Hill	12
LaGrange, United	1050
Pearson, Union Hill	208
Pine Mountain, Oak Grove	480
Richland, First	78
Woodbury, Jones Chapel	120
Charleston, S. C., Circular	1020

Kentucky	
Evarts, First	250

Tennessee	
Crossville	475
Deer Lodge	69
Glen Mary	78
Robbins, Barton Chapel	184
Total Pledged to Date	\$12,524

Let no Man be sorry he has done good because others have done evil. If a man has acted right he has done well, though alone; if wrong, the sanction of all mankind will not justify him.

—Henry Fielding

Work Day For Christ Returns

ALABAMA	
Andalusia, First	6.00
Birmingham, Pilgrim	50.00
East Tallassee	14.35
Headland, Blackwood	33.00
Lanett	20.50
Langdale	20.00
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	19.50
GEORGIA	
Pine Mountain, Oak Grove	10.00
TENNESSEE	
Chattanooga, Pilgrim	65.00
(Also made additional \$55 donated to Building Fund of Church)	
Pleasant Hill	42.35
Soddy	17.75
Evarts, Ky.	7.00
Total to Date for OCWM	\$305.45

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A brand new publication (new and yet familiar, too) is ready to help the members of your church — to keep up-to-date in the work of the church, to understand its responsibilities and recognize its challenges, and to identify themselves more fully with its world-wide mission.

This publication is the **United Church Herald**, which joins two former publications, **Advance** and **The Messenger**. It is published bi-weekly (except monthly in the summer) by the Joint Publication Committee of the United Church of Christ.

The first issue of the **United Church Herald** came out October 9. Why not launch a campaign to get the members of your church who have not already subscribed to **Advance** to subscribe to the new magazine right now, so they will not miss any issues? Write to the United Church Herald, 289 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

NOTICE TO CHURCH CLERKS AND PASTORS! WATCH FOR 1959 CHURCH REPORT BLANKS!

The blanks for the annual report of the churches for the year 1958 will be sent to the church clerks the latter part of the month of December. It is important that these reports be completed and returned to the Southeast Convention Office just as soon as possible. The information is needed for the 1958 Year Book of the Congregational Christian Churches.

Mrs. Harriett DeJarnette

Mrs. Harriett DeJarnette, wife of the Reverend A. L. DeJarnette, retired Congregational Christian minister, died on Saturday, November 1, 1958, at Soddy, Tenn.

Although Mrs. DeJarnette has been in ill health for some time, her death was unexpected.

Prior to his retirement the Rev. Mr. DeJarnette was pastor of the Soddy Congregational Church. The DeJarnettes had been residents of Soddy for 32 years.

Mrs. DeJarnette was once voted Woman of the Year for her service to her community.

The services were conducted at the Soddy Congregational Church with the Reverend Harold Henderson, pastor of the church, and the Reverend Arnold Slater, pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, officiating.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. DeJarnette is survived by a daughter, Mrs. E. W. Donnally, Corvallis, Ore., and a son, Leland DeJarnette, Los Angeles, California.

Travel With A Purpose In 1959

The new folder on "Tours with a Purpose" for 1959 is available through the offices of The Missions Council (287 4th Ave., New York 10, N. Y.). The following is a brief listing of the proposed tours with dates, leaders and persons to whom you should write for further information.

PUERTO RICO (January 5-15) Leader and Correspondent: Dr. Walter C. Giersbach, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

NATIONAL MISSIONS TOUR (June 15-26) Leader: Rev. Shirley Greene; Correspondent: Mr. Stanley H. Wilke, 1720 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis 3, Mo.

SEMINAR TO EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST (June 23 or 24-August 7 or 8) Leaders and Correspondents: Rev. and Mrs. Herman F. Reissig, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

SEMINAR TO MEXICO (August 6-25) Leader and Correspondent: Rev. Nelson Schlegel, 2969 W. 25th Street, Cleveland 13, Ohio.

UNITED STUDENT FELLOWSHIP EUROPEAN SEMINAR (July 6-September 2) Correspondent: Rev. Harland H. Helmich, 1720 Chouteau Ave.,

SUGGESTED PROGRAM MATERIALS FOR JUNIOR YOUTH GROUPS

Many of our churches have a junior youth group (grades 5 and 6). This group is not ready to use the regular Pilgrim Fellowship materials as they are not yet of Pilgrim Fellowship age (12-25). The question has often been asked, "Well, then what materials are available for use in such a group?" To answer this question, I will try to list courses which will be suitable for this age group. These courses include ideas for study and suggested activities, both of which this group needs.

For those churches not using Pilgrim Series in the regular Sunday School, any of the junior courses would be excellent. If your church does use the Pilgrim Series courses or you would like something else, the following is a list of other available courses.

USING THE BIBLE — Ruth E. Worthington. Designed to help boys and girls handle their Bibles with ease. Pupil books, 35 cents; Teacher's Guide, 35 cents.

SONGS OF THE BIBLE — Ethel Tilley. Helps juniors understand and enjoy the poems in the Bible, and how they are used today. Pupil's book, 35c; Teacher's Guide, 35c.

JESUS AND HIS FRIENDS — Ruth E. Worthington. The story of Jesus and his disciples and of Jesus' work and teachings. Pupil's book, 35c; Teacher's Guide, 35c.

NEW TESTAMENT PIONEERS — Marie Cole Powell. Thrilling stories of early Christian pioneers. Pupil's book, 35c; Teacher's Guide, 35c.

IN AWE AND WONDER — Bessie P. Erb. A 15-lesson weekday course based on the theme, God Loves and Cares for Us. Pupil's book, 75c; Teacher's Guide, \$2.00.

LIVING AND WORKING TOGETHER AS CHRISTIANS — Alice Geer Kelsey. Jesus' teachings are applied directly to the problems and interests of

St. Louis 3, Mo.

ROUND THE WORLD TOUR (September 3-October 22) Leader and Correspondent: Mr. Stanley H. Wilke, 1720 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

These tours are sponsored jointly by the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Members of both church groups are welcome to participate in all of the tours named above.

juniors. Prepared as a vacation school course, it is usable in other ways. Pupil's book, 50c; Teacher's Book, \$2.00.

TEN PAIR OF SHOES — Mae Ashworth. Children in North America get acquainted. The Home Missions book for juniors. Book, \$1.50. Teacher's Guide on Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors, 65c.

FLACO — Dorothy Andrews. Helps children understand our Mexican friends. \$1.50. This is also this year's junior missions book. A Junior Teacher's Guide on Mexico, 65c.

THEY LIVE IN BIBLE LANDS — Grace McGavran. The events take place in different Middle Eastern countries. This is the Foreign Missions Book for juniors. Book, \$1.50. A Junior Teacher's Guide on Bible Lands Today, 65c.

I hope that from this list you will be able to select some helpful materials to use with your "juniors". I would strongly recommend using the Friendship Press books, the mission study books, for juniors. At this age there is a strong interest in finding out about boys and girls their age in other countries. And it is also a way to emphasize the importance of missions with this age group. These last three courses can be used over as many weeks as the advisor desires, although most of the courses are planned for ten weeks.

If you do have such a group in your church, please let them have materials especially prepared with their age, interests and problems in mind. Please refer to this list for suggested materials. (All materials listed here are available from THE PILGRIM PRESS, 14 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass.

Mrs. W. Raymond Berry
SEC Christian Education Chairman

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 20 — Southeast Convention Board Meeting, Atlanta, Ga.

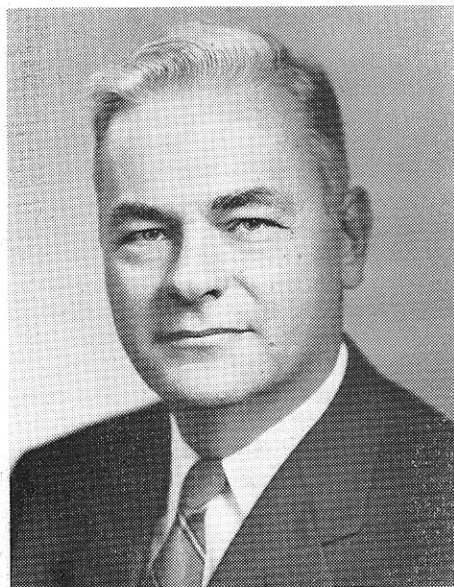
February 24-26 — Youth Week

February 24-26 — Southeast Regional Meeting, Franklinton Center, Bricks, N. C.

February 28-March 1 — Southeast Convention Pilgrim Fellowship, Lanett, Ala.

March 9-13 — Leadership Training Conference, Rock Eagle 4-H Club Center, Eatonton, Ga.

April 18-19 — Southeast Convention, East Tallahassee, Ala.



REV. HOWARD E. SPRAGG

Rev. Howard E. Spragg Elected Treasurer Of Board Of Home Missions

The Reverend Doctor Howard E. Spragg, of Westfield, N. J., has been elected treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches.

He will succeed Rev. Dr. William F. Frazier, who retires December 31 after fifteen years in the post.

In addition to his work with the board, Dr. Spragg has been elected treasurer of the Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers and the Retirement Fund for Lay Workers. He will also serve as treasurer for the corporation of the General Council.

Until his election Dr. Spragg was General Secretary for Administration for the Board of Home Missions.

Dr. Spragg is married to Jane N. Spragg, M. D., a physician.

Circular Cong. Church Suffers Damage By Fire

The Circular Congregational Church, Charleston, S. C., was damaged by a fire that broke out on Sunday afternoon, November 30.

A passer-by turned in the alarm about 2:30 in the afternoon when the

Honored On Anniversary

The members of the Thorsby Congregational Church and friends attended a reception in honor of the Reverend and Mrs. N. A. Long on Sunday, November 9th.

The occasion was the observance of the 45th wedding anniversary of the couple and the 40th anniversary of the entrance of Mr. Long into the ministry.

The reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Maddox, members of the church.

The Rev. Mr. Long, who has been pastor of the church for three years, will retire December 15th. The retiring minister and his wife have built a new home in Alabama. They were presented with two electric end table lamps to help light their new home.

Rev. E. M. Carter To Retire At 81 Years

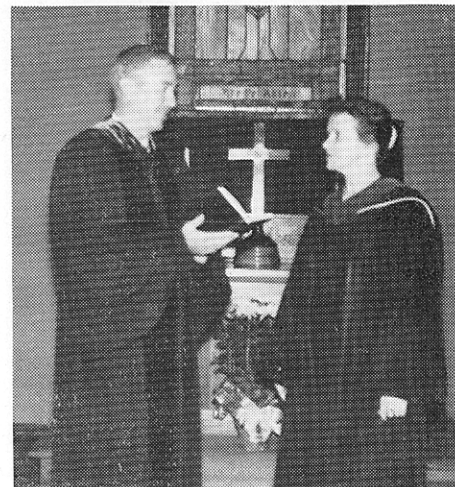
Reverend E. M. Carter has resigned as pastor of Fuller's Chapel Congregational Christian Church in the Southern Convention, effective December 1.

Mr. Carter is now approaching his 81st birthday. He has been pastor at Fuller's since November 1, 1935 — a period of 23 years. He lives in Youngsville, N. C., and will continue to preach at the church of our denomination there.

During his ministry, Rev. Mr. Carter has served as secretary of the Eastern North Carolina Conference for twenty years, and currently is a member of the Ministerial Board of Education of the conference. He is an honorary member of the Youngsville Lions Club and is a Mason.

During his 23 years as pastor at Fuller's Chapel Church, Rev. Mr. Carter preached 322 sermons, received 136 members into the congregation, conducted 36 funerals and performed ten wedding ceremonies.

fire was first noticed. The early discovery of the blaze, which apparently was caused by an over-heated furnace pipe, limited the damage to the floor and a room separated from the sanctuary by folding doors. The actual financial loss was not known at this writing.



Rev. Carolyn P. Welch and Supt. J. H. Lightbourne Jr.

Service Of Installation For Reverend Carolyn P. Welch

A Service of Installation for the Reverend Carolyn P. Welch as pastor of the First Congregational Christian Church, Evarts, Kentucky, was held on Sunday, November 2, 1958, at 7:30 P. M.

Prior to accepting the ministry of the Evarts Church the Reverend Miss Welch was a member of the faculty of The Southern Union College.

Participating in the service were the Reverend Miss Annie R. Campbell, Minister of Christian Education of the Southeast Convention, the Reverend Charles E. West, Professor of Religion, Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn., and the Reverend James H. Lightbourne Jr., Superintendent of the Southeast Convention.

The Reverend Mr. West served the church as interim pastor during the time it was without a minister. He is a Congregational Christian minister.

The Reverend Daniel M. Welch, the father of the newly installed pastor and minister of the Unitarian Church, Asheville, N. C., was unable to attend the service because of an emergency in his parish. Mrs. Welch was able to be present to see her daughter installed.

Of interest is the fact that each of the ministers in the service, including Miss Welch, is an alumnus of The Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn.